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SUBJ: STUDENT PROTESTS AT MARA: CONFRONTATION

LOOMING?

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1. STUDENT PROTESTS AT MARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
DOMINATE LOCAL PRESS, WHICH CLEARLY FOLLOWING GOM GUIDELINES,
IS TREATING STUDENT PROTESTS OVER DISCIPLINARY CODES AS "AN
EMBARRASSMENT" TO THE (MAJORITY) MALAY COMMUNITY PLAYING UP
"RED HERRING" OF THREAT OF MOLESTATION OF GIRL STUDENTS
BY AGITATORS. EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED
ORDERED ALL MIT STUDENTS TO VACATE THE SHAH ALAM CAMPUS
TODAY (JAN 9) OR POLICE WOULD MOVE IN. MID-DAY
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EDITION OF "MALAY MAIL" REPORTED ABOUT A THOUSAND

STUDENTS REMAINED ON THE CAMPUS, ABOUT THREE THOUSAND
HAVING ALREADY DEPARTED FOR HOMES.

2. COMMENT: GOM HARD LINE ACCORDS WITH EARLIER
HANDLING OF STUDENT DISSENT, AND PROBABLY SEEMS IN
PART FROM GOM DISTRESS OVER "INGRATITUDE" SHOWN BY
ETHNIC MALAY STUDENTS WHOSE EDUCATION, INCLUDING TRANSPOR-
TATION COSTS, FULLY FUNDED BY GOVERNMENT. FOR THEIR
PART, STUDENTS RESENT APPLICATION OF STANDARDS OF DRESS
AND BEHAVIOR FROM CONSERVATIVE ISLAMIC MALAY PAST WHICH
THEY WELL AWARE NOT FOLLOWED BY MANY SONS AND DAUGHTERS
OF MEMBERS OF MALAY RULING CLASSES. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD
STUDENTS ARE SEEKING REMOVAL OF MIT DIRECTOR DATUK
LOKMAN MUSA AS BEING "UNSUITABLE" FOR THE POSITION.
LOCAL POLITICAL FIGURE TOLD EMBOFFS AT LUNCHEON TODAY (JAN 9)
DR. MAHATHIR PROBABLY WILL MEET WITH STUDENT DELEGATION
LATER TODAY IN AN ATTEMPT TO END PROTEST WITHOUT VIOLENCE.
IF THAT FAILS, AUTHORITIES LIKELY WILL MOVE TO FORCIBLY
EVICT STUDENTS FROM PREMISES. IN ANY CASE, IT APPEARS MIT
WILL NOT REOPEN FOR AT LEAST A MATTER OF WEEKS.
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